

REMARKS

This amendment is being filed, along with a Request for Continued Examination, in response to a Final Office Action mailed 10/19/2007, in which the Examiner said that claims 1-35 were pending but rejected under 35 USC §103. In this amendment, claims 1, 5, 8, 17, 25, and 29 are amended to overcome reasons for rejections given by the Examiner, and other reasons for rejection are traversed below.

In this amendment, claims 1, 5, and 25 are modified to remove the requirement that the personality selection input must not be provided in response to a prompt provided in response to determining that a location of the computer has changed. This requirement was added in the amendment filed on 08/02/2007. Support for this change is found in claims 1, 5, and 25 as originally filed.

Claims Rejected under 35 USC §103

Claims Rejected over *Watts* in View of *Guzman*

The Examiner said that claims 1-4, 13-16, and 25-28 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,327,623 to Watts in view of U.S. Pat. No. 7,058,847 to Guzman et al.

Regarding claims 1, 13, and 25, in the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner said that *Watts* does not explicitly disclose tagging files to be stored and does not implement a filter which (a) passes files tagged according to the selected personality to an application executing within the computer and removes the tags applied by the code which is effective to tag files and which (b) blocks files not tagged according to the selected personality from being passed to the application executing within the computer.

The Examiner also said that, however, *Guzman* discloses tag files to be stored (column 11, lines 60-67 - column 12, lines 1-10) and implement a filter which (a) passes files

tagged according to the selected personality and removes the tags applied by the code which is effective to tag files ("... restoration engine 404 remove character fields and renames the restoration file .." - e.g., column 13, lines 5-15) and which (b) blocks files not tagged according to the selected personality from being passed to the application executing within the computer (column 11, lines 60-67 to column 12, lines 1-10, *Guzman* teaching this concept by appending a filename designation with an associated unique identifier and as described by *Guzman* this identifier can be used in the computer system for later use for restoration processing which would let the user access the appropriate file (i.e. files with associated unique identifier). Applicant should note that if the files can be viewed remotely according to the network element with which file data is associated then this implementation can be done only within a computer). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify the teaching of *Watts* by tagging files to be stored and by implementing a filter to remove the tag and to block files not tagged as taught by *Guzman* in order to access a file system related to a specific workspace in a secure manner.

The Applicant respectfully submits that the inventive feature of he Applicant's invention relative to file tagging resides not in the fact that it is possible to change the name of a file so that the file can later be recognized, and then reversing the change to the file name after it is recognized, but rather in the tagging, selection, and subsequent revision of a file according to the selected personality, which has been assumed based on a provided input.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that neither *Watts* nor *Guzman* disclose or teach the requirements of claims 1, 13, and 25 for tagging files to be stored in the storage device according to the selected personality and for implementing a filter which (a) passes files tagged according to the selected personality to an application executing within the computer and removes the tags applied by the code which is effective to tag

files and which (b) blocks files not tagged according to the selected personality from being passed to the application executing within the computer.

It is noted that *Watts* does not tag files to be stored and the *Guzman* tags files according to the portion of a communications system, such as a particular database, from which the files are read, so that the files can be used to restore data if other portions of the communications system are damaged or destroyed.

Therefore, the applicants respectfully submit that claims 1, 13, and 25 are patentable under 35 USC §103(a) over *Watts* in view of *Guzman*.

Regarding claims 2-4, 14-16, and 26-28, since these dependent claims merely add limitations to the independent claims 1, 13, and 25, respectively, the Applicants respectfully submit that, for reasons described above regarding the independent claims, these dependent claims are patentable under 35 USC §103(a) over *Watts* in view of *Guzman*.

Claims Rejected over *Watts* in view of *Guzman* and further in view of *Kataoka*

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner said that claims 5-12, 17-24, and 29-35 were rejected under 35 USC §103(a) over *Watts* in view of *Guzman* and further in view of U.S. Pat. No. 5,857,201 to *Kataoka et al.*

Regarding claims 5, 17, and 29, in this Amendment, these claims were modified to indicating that at least one application being executed in the computer must be other than an operating system.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the term “application” has a common meaning within the computer industry excluding consideration of the operating system as an application. For example, *Webster’s New World Dictionary of Computer Terms, Sixth Edition*, Mcmillan, New York, 1997, defines an application as “a program that enables

you to do something useful with the computer, such as writing or accounting. Such tasks are not performed by an operating system. In another example, the *Visual Quickstart Guide, Windows XP*, Chris Fehily, Peachpit Press, Berkley, CA, 2005, on page 211, says “Windows, like all operating systems, is a launching pad for programs, or *applications*.

Support for this view of the meaning of “application” and for this modification of claims 5, 17, and 29 is found in paragraph [0024] of the specification as filed, with examples of applications being given as checking office email viewing an office calendar or updating an office document, all activities that are done using an application other than an operating system. Thus, when it is indicated in paragraph [0024] that an application is executing, it is meant that an application other than an operating system is executing.

In the above-mentioned Office Action, the Examiner said that *Watts* teaches that a selected personality does not require termination of the at least one application by having the operating system running when changing the location. However, the Applicants respectfully submit that *Watts* does not teach that an application other than the operating system remain running, during such a time, particularly since, while the same operating system would generally be used for all personalities of the system, an application other than the operating system would not generally be used for all personalities.

Therefore, the Applicants respectfully submit that *Watts*, *Guzman*, and *Kataoka*, taken separately or in combination do not anticipate the requirements of claims 5, 17, and 29, each as amended herein, for, when at least one application other than an operating system is executed in the computer, a change in the selected personality based on the newly provided input not to require termination of the at least one application. It is noted that adding the teaching of *Guzman* and *Kataoka* to those of *Watts* does not overcome the deficiency of *Watts* in describing the claims as amended.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the inventive feature of the Applicants' invention relative to file tagging resides not in the fact that it is possible to change the name of a file so that the file can later be recognized, and then reversing the change to the file name after it is recognized, but rather in the tagging, selection, and subsequent revision of a file according to the selected personality, which has been assumed based on a provided input.

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taught by *Guzman* in order to access a file system related to a specific workspace in a secure manner.

Therefore, the Applicant respectfully submits that neither *Watts*, nor *Guzman*, nor *Kataoka* disclose or teach the requirements of claims 5, 17, and 29 for tagging files to be stored in the storage device according to the selected personality and for implementing a filter which (a) passes files tagged according to the selected personality to an application executing within the computer and removes the tags applied by the code which is effective to tag files and which (b) blocks files not tagged according to the selected personality from being passed to the application executing within the computer.

It is noted that *Watts* does not tag files to be stored and that *Guzman* tags files according to the portion of a communications system, such as a particular database, from which the files are read, so that the files can be used to restore data if other portions of the communications system are damaged or destroyed. Thus, *Guzman* does not tag files according to the personality selected for a single computer system.

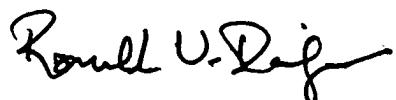
For all the reasons discussed above, the Applicants respectfully submit that claims 5, 17, and 29 are patentable under 35 USC §103(a) over *Watts* in view of *Guzman* and *Kataoka*.

Regarding claims 6-12, 18-24, and 30-35, since these dependent claims merely add limitations to claims 5, 17, and 29, respectively, the Applicants respectfully submit that, for reasons described above regarding the rejection of claims 5, 17, and 29, these dependent claims are patentable under 35 USC §103(a) over *Watts* in view of *Guzman* and *Kataoka*.

Conclusions

The Applicants respectfully submit that the application, including claims 1-35, is now in condition for allowance, and that action is respectfully requested, along with reconsideration and withdrawal of all reasons for rejection.

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